THE PROPHETIC PRESENCE

'GRACE IN MOTION'

Author's Preface

I do not know, dear reader, if you are a Muslim or " not. I do not know which faith you follow, but I .thank you for reading these words

I am here to speak about Muhammad—the Messenger Muhammad. Once again, I must say, I do not know what is crossing your mind at this very moment—be it love, resentment, or perhaps simple .neutrality

Regardless, this is a small—a very small—booklet about the life of this man. What your eyes are about to see, and what your heart is about to perceive, is .the truth

Who is Muhammad ?

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Muhammad was born an orphan. His father passed away on a journey before his birth. He was raised by his mother, Amina, then his grandfather, and later his uncle. He did not come from a lineage of kings; he was a common man, yet noble from a .noble line

He was gentle and kind, never drifting into the distractions that consumed the youth of his time. He was pure, truthful, and trustworthy—virtues so deeply rooted that even his enemies could never deny them. Muhammad was an honest merchant, a devoted husband, a great father, and a beloved .friend

He never sought to be higher than his companions. He had no throne, no secretaries, no entourage, and no servants for show. When a stranger entered his gathering, they would look around, puzzled, and ask: "Where is Muhammad?" He would simply sit wherever there was space, even at the very edge of .the circle

Muhammad is a Messenger from God—the Creator of the entire universe. He came as a mercy to humanity, with a single, clear message: to worship God alone, and to associate nothing with Him .

May I Milk Her ?

In the heat of the desert, during a perilous journey of migration from Mecca to Medina, Muhammad and his loyal companion, Abu Bakr, stopped at a lonely tent. It belonged to an elderly woman named .Umm Ma'bad. They were exhausted and thirsty

There, Muhammad noticed a weak, frail sheep that couldn't even follow the flock. With the utmost :politeness, he approached the lady and asked

"?May I milk her"

She replied, skeptical: "She is too weak to produce ".anything! But, try if you wish

He touched the sheep with his blessed hands, and to her amazement, milk flowed abundantly. They all

drank until they were satisfied. After he left, her husband returned and was stunned. He asked: “Did ”?someone visit us

Atikah (Umm Ma’bad) replied with a description that remains one of the most beautiful portraits in :history

I saw a man of apparent radiance, with a luminous " face and noble character. He was neither frail nor small-headed; he was handsome and graceful. His eyes were intensely black with a striking contrast, his eyelashes long and thick. His voice had a natural resonance, and his neck was long and elegant. His .beard was full and well-groomed

When he was silent, he was shrouded in dignity; and when he spoke, he was overcome with splendor. He was the most beautiful of people from afar, and the most pleasant from close up. His

speech was sweet and organized—neither too much nor too little. He was surrounded by companions who rushed to fulfill his every request. He was ".neither frowning nor dismissive

Her husband replied: "If this is as you describe… then this is Muhammad, the Prophet of the Arabs .

O Abu Umayr, what happened to the little bird ?

Muhammad was never harsh. Even when someone close to him was upset, he would show them mercy. Some moments clearly reveal just how gentle and compassionate he was. There was a young boy, the brother of his servant in the house, who had a small pet bird that he used to play with. One day, the bird died, and the child became deeply saddened. Muhammad noticed the boy's absence and asked, "Where is that child?" They told him, "His little bird died, and he has been grieving over it." So he went to comfort him and

said, using the affectionate nickname by which he called him: “O Abu Umayr, what happened to the ”؟ little bird

This one " makes up for that "!one

Muhammad never looked down on women, not at all. Many of those who accused him of despising women lied about him — far be he from that. He loved Aisha more than his other wives, yet this never meant that he failed to treat them fairly. One day, while traveling with a caravan, he raced with his wife Aisha, and she beat him. Then, on another occasion several years later, he instructed the

caravan to move ahead and asked Aisha to race him again. This time, he beat her and said, “This one ”!makes up for that one

Who will " buy this "servant ?

Muhammad once passed through the marketplace and saw one of his companions there. He came up behind him and embraced him without the man realizing who it was, then said playfully, "Who will buy this servant?"

The companion replied, "O Messenger of Allah, you will find me cheap — worth nothing at all."

So Muhammad comforted him and said, "But in the sight of Allah, you are not cheap."

Ten Years

Anas was a servant in Muhammad's household, and he used to say: "I served him for ten years, ever since I was a boy, and he never once said to me, 'Why did you do this?' or 'Why did you not do "?that

Grace in Motion

He walked briskly. He would sit wherever there was space left. He did not laugh loudly; more often than not, his laughter was a smile. He smiled كثيرًا. He neither insulted nor became angry for every little reason. He was deeply contemplative and easy to be with. When you spoke to him, he would turn to you with his whole body, not just his head. He liked speaking with those who remained quiet in a gathering. He took care to keep his teeth clean with the siwak. He was organized with his time — and we are speaking of 1,400 years ago.

He greeted everyone. He wanted his companions to do what was easiest and most manageable. He was merciful. He wept. He was courageous — he once faced an army alone with nothing but a sword and a donkey. He nurtured; he did not simply punish. He never interrupted anyone while they were speaking. If you stretched out your hand to greet him, he would not withdraw his hand until you were the one to let go first. He was forbearing in all matters. He did not grow angry over loss or failure; he grew angry only when the sacred limits .of God were violated

Muhammad was great in every aspect of his being. And Muhammad died in the lap of his beloved wife, Aisha. His Lord honored him by causing him to die in the lap of the one he loved. This was

Muhammad: great, noble, forbearing, and merciful.

:His Lord said of him

And We have not sent you except as a mercy to “

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